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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Leonard G. Cooke, Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Rules Relating to the Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) (6 VAC 20-160-10, *et seq.*)

In response to a request from the Department of Criminal Justice Services, I have reviewed the proposed regulations, 6 VAC 20-160-10, *et seq.*, relating to the Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA). Section 9.1-151 of the Code of Virginia established the CASA Program in Virginia and gave the Criminal Justice Services Board the authority to promulgate regulations it deems necessary and appropriate to administer the program. Upon review of the aforesaid regulations, I find the proposed regulations to be constitutional, consistent with the statutory authority granted by § 9.1-151 of the Code of Virginia, and in conformity with existing statutory provisions.

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